

Uzbekistan



Source: States Customs Committee

16.04.2020

Information on mitigation measure COVID-19

Legal basis:

In order to prevent the pervasion and spread of coronavirus infection COVID-19 into the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to ensure a favorable sanitary and epidemiological situation and protect public health, the following regulatory legal acts have been adopted:

- Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 23, 2020 No. 176 "On additional measures against the spread of coronavirus infection";
- Order of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated January 29, 2020 No. P-5537 "On the formation of a Special Republican Commission for the preparation of a program of measures to prevent the pervasion and spread of a new type of coronavirus in the Republic of Uzbekistan";
- Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 19, 2020 No. UP-5969 "On priority measures to mitigate the negative impact on the economy of the coronavirus pandemic and global crisis phenomena";
- Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 26, 2020 No. PP-4649 "On additional measures to prevent the widespread spread of coronavirus infection in the Republic of Uzbekistan";
- Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 27, 2020 No. PP-4662 "On additional measures to meet the needs of the population in medicines, medical devices, medical equipment and essential goods";
- Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated April 3, 2020 No. UP-5978 "On additional measures to support the population, sectors of the economy, and business entities during the coronavirus pandemic";

Special Republican Commission

In accordance with the Order of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated January 29, 2020 No. -5537, headed by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan, a Special Republican Commission was established to prepare a program of measures to prevent the pervasion and spread of coronavirus in the Republic of Uzbekistan, the main tasks of which are as follows:

- continuous analysis and monitoring of the global, regional and countrywide epidemiological situation, forecasting trends in the spread and possible deterioration of the epidemic situation of coronavirus in the country;
- organization of the necessary interaction and exchange of information with relevant government agencies of the PRC and other interested countries, as well as international organizations, with the aim of coordinating and making adjustments to actions to prevent the spread of coronavirus;

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

30.12.2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak – updated situation in Uzbekistan

In order to prevent new cases of coronavirus outbreak in Uzbekistan, the Special Commission has decided to temporarily suspend flights with a number of countries.

Notably, from 21 December 2020 to 10 January 2021, international flights (inbound, outbound and transit) with the United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Denmark, Austria, Australia, the Netherlands and South Africa have been suspended. This measure is related to a new COVID variant.

Citizens of the above countries and stateless persons permanently residing in these states, as well as **citizens of third countries who have visited the above states over the past 14 days, will not be allowed to enter Uzbekistan**, while the above restriction is in force.

More detailed information in Russian [here](#).

Source: Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan

Despite this regulation applies primarily to air transport, some **foreign road transport operators report that their drivers cannot enter Uzbekistan** due to the new restriction.

IRU with its member in Uzbekistan, AIRCUZ, and other associations are following up on this issue with the Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan.

Transport operators are kindly requested to take this information into consideration when planning deliveries to Uzbekistan.

30.09.2020

On 1 October 2020, Uzbekistan will open its air, rail and road border crossing points for entry/exit while respecting the current quarantine, sanitary and hygienic requirements. Travellers arriving from countries in the green zone will be able to enter Uzbekistan without restrictions. The countries currently in the green zone are: China, Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea, Georgia, Hungary, Finland, Latvia, Austria and Japan. This list is subject to change as the situation develops.

Travellers arriving from all other countries will be required to present a negative PCR test taken no later than 72 hours before arrival or must spend 14 days in self-isolation in a hotel or at home.

Please note that new developments as of 1 October 2020 will have no impact on international freight transport and professional drivers. All previous procedures for them remain in effect.

Source: AIRCUZ, Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan

28.09.2020

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- coordination of research on the problems of coronavirus, development and implementation of modern and effective methods for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of this disease;

- formation of a reserve and timely provision of specialized healthcare institutions and the population with diagnostic tools, antiviral drugs and personal protective equipment in the required volumes;

- based on the study of international best practices, the organization of effective measures for the timely diagnosis and comprehensive prevention of coronavirus in the country, as well as the necessary assistance to citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan temporarily living in epidemically disadvantaged countries and found themselves in areas of increased risk of infection with coronavirus;

- timely detection of signs of possible deterioration of the epidemic situation of coronavirus with the subsequent implementation of a set of preventive and anti-epidemic measures aimed at reducing the risk of disease and the provision of adequate medical care for patients;

- the organization of effective sanitary-educational work involving modern media (television, radio, the Internet, social networks, mobile operators and others) among the population to explain the causes and conditions that contribute to the spread of coronavirus, as well as methods for its prevention;

- in case of complication of the epidemic situation on the coronavirus, the preparation and submission to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan of proposals for urgent measures aimed at preventing the pervasion and spread of coronavirus in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Customs formalities

Also, in accordance with the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 27, 2020 No. PP-4662 "On additional measures to meet the population's needs for medicines, medical devices, medical equipment and essential goods", it was established, as an exception, to provide the rights of the Special Republican Commission to prepare a program of measures to prevent the importation and spread of coronavirus in the Republic of Uzbekistan:

- a decision was adopted for the duration of three months to give special privileges for certain medicines and medical devices included in the official list of medicines and medical products. The import of those products does not deal with Value-Added Tax (VAT), due to the privileges approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet Ministers of February 25, 2011 No. 49 "On the regulation of the import of medicines and medical devices";

- reduction to zero percent of the rates of customs duties and excise tax for a period of up to three months when importing certain types of essential goods with the formation of their list;

Travellers arriving from all other countries will be required to present a negative PCR test taken no later than 72 hours before arrival or must spend 14 days in self-isolation in a hotel or at home.

Please note that new developments as of 1 October 2020 will have no impact on international freight transport and professional drivers. All previous procedures for them remain in effect.

Source: AIRCUZ, Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan

06.05.2020

With effect from 30 April, all trucks arriving in Uzbekistan will be directed to special parking areas close to the border crossing points, where the drivers will be tested for coronavirus (Covid-19). The vehicles and their drivers will remain in those special parking areas until the test results are announced.

If the coronavirus (Covid-19) test is negative, the journey according to the confirmed route will be authorised to continue. Drivers must wear protective suits, disposable masks and gloves.

In the case of a positive test result, the driver will be taken to a medical facility in accordance with regulations, and the co-driver, if present, will be transferred to a quarantine facility.

After the complete disinfection of the motor vehicle, the transport operation may continue with another driver (who has no connection with the consignor or consignee of the transport operation concerned), or the goods carried may be transferred to another motor vehicle under customs control.

In the case of a new driver, the obligations connected with the delivery of goods under customs control remain applicable to this driver.

Foreign drivers entering Uzbekistan to deliver goods must leave the territory within 10 days of the delivery of goods. If they must collect goods for the return leg during this time, they are obligated to wait in the designated parking area closest to the place of delivery. These areas have strict quarantine and social distancing rules; drivers cannot talk to other people nor leave the area. Unauthorised people cannot enter the area.

The control over the movement of foreign motor vehicles crossing the Uzbek customs border is carried out on the basis of the "Obligation to return vehicles".

Drivers should be aware that the following situations are considered a violation of the quarantine rules:

- Deviation from the planned route;
- Failure to wear the protective suits, masks or gloves;
- Failure to comply with the time set for repatriation;
- Lack of necessary transport documents (driving license, clearance documents, certificates, international transport permits)

If a driver fails to comply with the delivery time set by the customs authority, and proof is provided (by way of entries in his/her paperwork) that the non-compliance to these delivery times is due to the driver's compliance with the present temporary regulation, then no administrative proceeding will be initiated.

Source: Uzbekistan Embassy in Germany

01.05.2020

As of today, 1 May, new temporary rules are applicable in Uzbekistan:

According to paragraph 1 of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated April 3, 2020 No. UP-5978 "On additional measures to support the population, sectors of the economy, and business entities during the coronavirus pandemic," until December 31, 2020, zero customs duty and excise tax rates for food imports were established. Food commodities, hygiene products and mechanical ventilation apparatus, as well as building materials necessary for the construction of medical and quarantine institutions to combat coronavirus infection, shall be exempt from customs duties, including Value Added Tax (VAT).

In addition, in accordance with Articles 297 and 299 of the Customs Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Articles 246 and 284 of the Tax Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the goods imported for the purpose of charitable assistance, including technical assistance, by states, governments, international organizations are exempt from customs duties.

According to Appendix No. 3 of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated November 15, 2005 No. 251 "On measures to improve the approval and monitoring mechanisms for the implementation of investment projects, accounting and control of humanitarian aid cargoes and technical assistance equipment", it was established that the customs clearance of goods imported as humanitarian aid, carried out in accordance with the law on the basis of the conclusion of the Secretariat on social development of the Cabinet of Ministers on affiliation indicated cargo to humanitarian aid.

Also, during the customs clearance of goods for the provision of technical assistance, it is necessary to provide a conclusion on the belonging of the goods to technical assistance, which is issued by the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the basis of an analysis of the relevant agreements on the implementation of technical assistance projects on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Based on the foregoing, the application of privileges on imported goods as humanitarian aid or technical assistance will be carried out taking into account compliance with the above provisions.

coordination

According to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 19, 2020 No. UP – 5969 "On priority measures to mitigate the negative impact on the industry and the economy of the coronavirus pandemic and global crisis phenomena", an interdepartmental operational headquarters was established under the State Customs Committee to ensure expedited passage of goods through border customs posts, their uninterrupted customs clearance, as well as the issuance of permits for exported and imported goods. This operational headquarters includes the following organizations, institutions and agencies: Ministry of Transport, Border Services Agency, Ministry of Health, State Committee for Veterinary and Livestock Development, Standardization, metrology and certification agency, State Plants Quarantine Inspection.

Also, from April 1, 2020, a mechanism for customs clearance of imported food products was introduced in an accelerated manner, including by issuing permits before the goods arrived on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

During the period of intensified measures against the spread of coronavirus (Covid-19) infection, a temporary procedure for **international road transport** in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan has been established. This new procedure applies to both national and foreign drivers engaged in international road transport.

The movement of trucks can be carried out through specially designated state border checkpoints, until further notice. This was stated in the decision of the Republican Special Commission on the preparation of a program of measures to prevent the entry and spread of coronavirus (Covid-19) in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

According to this decision, the movement of trucks will be carried out only through the following state border checkpoints:

- with the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan - "Termez";
- with the Republic of Turkmenistan - "Olott";
- With the Republic of Tajikistan - "Sarosiyo", "Oybek" and "Plotina";
- With the Kyrgyz Republic - "Do'stlik", "O'zbekiston", "Vodil", "Chashma" and "Oq qiya";
- With the Republic of Kazakhstan - "Daut-ata", "Gulistan", "Yallama", "Zangiota" and "Toshkent".

Source: Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan

24.03.2020

Further to the announcement of a state of emergency in Kazakhstan, the queues at the Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan borders were carefully monitored. The situation has now been stabilised for the international road transport of goods.

The following three border crossing points between Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan are running effectively according to emergency guidelines:

- *Kaplanbek (Turkestan region);*
- *Kazygurt (Turkestan region);*
- *Tazhen (Mangistau region).*

The queues have now been considerably reduced.

Source: AIRCUZ

16.03.2020

Starting from March 16th, Uzbekistan is suspending all air and road connections with third countries. Railway connections will be closed in 3 days.

According to the State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan, restrictions shall not apply to persons and vehicles engaged in goods transport by road, rail, sea, river, and air. However, and according to information collected on the field, delays at Kazakh-Uzbek borders are reported following the restrictive measures taken by the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Sources: State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan and <https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2020/03/15/measures>

In addition, permits for customs clearance are provided through the "Single Window" customs information system that meets the criteria for recommendations and guidelines for creating a "Single Window" mechanism developed by the UN Center for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business, as well as a "Single Window" compendium of the World Customs Organization.

The State Customs Committee, together with the Ministry of Health, State Security Service, State Veterinary Medicine, State Committee for Tourism, State Committee for Ecology, Uzbekistan Airports JSC, Uzbekistan Airways JSC and Uzbekistan Temir Yollari JSC, take effective measures to control and prevent the import of coronavirus into the Republic of Uzbekistan:

- Sanitary treatment of passengers (including transit passengers) arriving from areas affected by the coronavirus through international airports and other customs posts;
- proper disinfection of a freight vehicle;
- if necessary, the tractor of a freight vehicle is replaced by a tractor that is not considered a source of distribution of the coronavirus;
- providing relevant information and recommendations to the subjects of foreign economic activity on the need to use the transportation of goods by rail (if possible);
- inspection of drivers of vehicles arriving from areas affected by coronavirus in accordance with the International Health Regulations, and if suspicious cases are identified during the inspection, immediate temporary isolation of the relevant person on the spot and implementation of measures related to conducting an appropriate medical examination and isolation of customs officers who have been in contact with them.

Border crossing through land post:

There are no restrictions on the export of goods, with the exception of medical and personal protective equipment. The movement of export-import cargo is available through the following automobile post (including all international airports and border railway stations) during 24 /7:

Afghanistan:

- Border Customs Post "Termiz" (Uzbekistan) – BCP "Xayraton" (Afghanistan) (entry and transit of foreign vehicles is restricted).

Turkmenistan:

- BCP "Alat" (Uzbekistan) – BCP "Farap" (Turkmenistan).

Kyrgyzstan:

- BCP "Dustlik" (Uzbekistan) – BCP "Dostuk" (Kyrgyzstan);

- BCP "Ferghana" (Uzbekistan) – BCP "Kadamjay" (Kyrgyzstan);

- BCP "Uzbekistan" (Uzbekistan) – BCP "Kizil-Kiya" (Kyrgyzstan);

Tajikistan – Border Customs Post (in relation to the movement of goods) operate normally.

Kazakhstan:

- BCP "Daut-Ata" (Uzbekistan) – BCP "Tajen" (Kazakhstan);

- BCP "Yallama" (Uzbekistan) – BCP "B.Konisbaeva" (Kazakhstan);

- BCP "Zangiota" (Uzbekistan) – BCP "Kaplanbek" (Kazakhstan);

- BCP "Tashkent" (Uzbekistan) – BCP "Kazigurt" (Kazakhstan);

- BCP "Gulistan" (Uzbekistan) – BCP "Atamaken" (Kazakhstan).

Further information: http://www.wcoomd.org....natural-disaster/covid_19/uzbekistan_en....

**Source: States Customs Committee**

The travel restriction for road, rail and air transport introduced on 20 March 2020 for 40 days do not apply to freight transport. Source: <https://mintrans.uz/ru/news/transportning-barcha-turlarida-xalqaro-yo-nalishlarda-yo-lovchi-tashish-toxtatildi>

Government made a decision to create an operational headquarters to ensure expedited passage of goods through border customs posts, their uninterrupted customs clearance, as well as the issuance of permits for exported and imported goods; To introduce, starting from April 1, 2020, the mechanism for customs clearance of imported food products in an expedited manner, including by issuing permits before the goods arrive in the Republic of Uzbekistan. Source: <https://mfa.uz/ru/press/library/2020/03/23848/>

The Ministry of Transport has created a round-the-clock headquarters to receive appeals from carriers of the republic and quickly solve their problems.

Headquarters Phone Numbers:

short number 1167

phone number + 998 71-202-05-00 internal number 159.

Source: <https://mintrans.uz/ru/news/respublikamizda-faoliyat-yuritayotgan-avtotransport-korxonalariga-murojaat>

A software has been developed on the website of Uzbekistan Temir Yollari JSC for processing and providing preliminary electronic information to customs authorities on goods transported by rail.

Starting from April 2 of this year, this provision officially comes into force and all necessary information about the product should be sent electronically to the customs authorities at the following link before sending it: <https://pei.railway.uz>